



*Chosen to Lead
Aging & Disability Services Programs*

Meet **MaryAnne Lindeblad**

Under MaryAnne's leadership, we will maintain our Department-wide commitment to assure that all people live safely, with dignity and fullness of life.

MaryAnne began her career with DSHS in 1977. Her first job was as a nursing care consultant in what is now ADSA. Lindeblad returned to DSHS as a division director in 2002. Prior to that, she served as assistant administrator at the Health Care Authority, where she managed the Public Employee Benefits Board's programs for about 300,000 active and retired state employees. Earlier, she directed operations for Unified Physicians of Washington, a state-wide physician-owned health plan, from 1994 to 1997. She has a master's degree in public health from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in science in nursing from Eastern Washington University.

MaryAnne serves on the Medicaid Managed Care Technical Advisory Group, chairs the Long-Term and Chronic Care Committees of the National Academy for State Health Policy, serves on the Board of the Olympia Free Medical Clinic and the Family Support Center in Olympia, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Evergreen State College Masters in Public Administration Program. She received the "YWCA Women of Achievement Award" for 2010 by the Olympia YWCA. She received the Secretary's Award for Executive Leadership in 2006 and her sponsored team was awarded the Governor's Quality Award in 2001.

MaryAnne, as Director of the Division of Health Care Services in the Medicaid Purchasing Administration, has brought strong, innovative leadership in creating a state chronic care management program founded on targeting resources where they can achieve the best results and on helping consumers manage their own health. MaryAnne is a champion for the health home concept and other programs that focus on improving access to quality, integrated and affordable health care and services for low-income and vulnerable populations.

In 2009, she was one of six Medicaid directors chosen nationally to participate in the inaugural class of a Medicaid Leadership Institute. The Institute, launched by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and chaired by former Wisconsin Governor and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, is aimed at building leadership in the Medicaid system and helping the state-federal programs serve as national models for high-quality, cost-effective health care.

"I look forward to her continued leadership in making sure we maximize all of the many opportunities national health care reform will bring us to further improve the lives of our citizens," DSHS Secretary Susan N. Dreyfus said in announcing MaryAnne's appointment on October 15, 2010.